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Note by the Executive Director

Summary

The present note contains information on the third one-year extension of the UNFPA country programme for Timor-Leste.

In accordance with established procedures, the Executive Director approves the first one-year extension of a country programme, while requests for extensions for a second or third year, or two-year extensions, are submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

The Executive Board may wish to approve the exceptional third-year extension of the country programme for Timor-Leste, as indicated in the attached table.



Extensions of UNFPA country programmes for which the approval of the Executive Board is sought

Country	Years covered by original country programme	Year covered by any extension already approved	Year(s) proposed for new extension	Extension	Reason and explanation		
					United Nations harmonization	In-country political development	Other
Timor-Leste	2003-2005	2006-2007	2008	X	In line with harmonization, UNDP and UNICEF, in addition to UNFPA, are also seeking an additional one-year extension of their current country programmes in Timor-Leste.	The current national development plan (2002-2007) was adopted at the time of independence in May 2002. The Government of Timor-Leste has requested United Nations funds and programmes to harmonize their programming cycles with those of the Government.	Social and political upheavals, along with the precarious security situation in 2006, delayed the programming process in Timor-Leste. The current programme of assistance provides an adequate framework for UNFPA-supported projects in Timor-Leste during 2008.